during the last Budget Session that final orders on the report of the Special Finance Committee would be passed early in Chingam 1105;

(b) if so, what are the special reasons for not passing final orders though it is already Thulam 1105;

(c) at what stage is the consideration of the same now and when will it be published?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) The statement then made was:—"The matter will not be delayed further than the commencement of the next year".

(b) The consideration is not completely finished.

(c) Almost in the concluding stage. No time-limit can be specified.

148. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether it was not stated in the last Budget Session of the Council on behalf of the Government that the Government would pass orders on the Special Finance Committee Report in the month of Chingam last and what is the reason for not carrying it out?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Vide answer to question No. 147.

Reduction of Travelling Allowance.

149. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to inform:—

(a) whether any step has been taken by the Government with reference to the reduction of the high rate of travelling allowance granted especially to the superior officers of the Government service, the necessity of which had been pointed out during the first Budget Session of the first Council by many of the non-official Members of the Legislative Council; and if not, (b) what is the reason for not taking any effective action so far with reference to this matter?

Mr. K. Krishna Pisharodi.—(a) and (b). The question was referred to the Special Finance Committee and their proposals in this direction are under the consideration of the Government.

Increase of pay to low-paid clerks.

150. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to inform:—

(a) whether any effective action has been taken by the Government to increase the pay of the low-paid clerks and others in Government service and if so,

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(b) what is the action taken ;

(c) when was this matter first brought to the attention of the Government ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The question of increase of pay was brought to the notice of the Government during the Budget Session of 1100 and the Special Finance Committee was constituted by the Government to consider this question among others and their recommendations are under the consideration of the Government.

Vellarappilli Sanskrit School.

151. Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar.—Will the Government be pleased to inform this Council :—

(a) how many classes there are in the Kerala Varma Sanskrit School at Vellarappilli at present ;

(b) what the total strength of the said school is at present ;

(c) what the total of the monthly pay of the staff of the said school is at present ;

(d) what is the grant allowed to the said school at present ;

(e) whether the Government or the Director of Public Instruction have received any representation from the Manager of the said school that the grant allowed to the said school is comparatively very poor and that a substantial grant may be allowed ;

(f) if so, whether the representation has been considered ;

(g) if the answer to (f) is in the affirmative, what is the conclusion arrived at by the Government ;

(h) if the answer to (f) is in the negative, what are the reasons for not taking the matter into consideration ;

(i) whether additional classes have been opened in the said school from the beginning of the academical year 1104-1105 ;

(j) whether there has been any, and if so, what enhancement of grant in the academic year 1104-1105 so far as this school is concerned ;

(k) if the answer to (j) is in the negative, the reasons for not enhancing the grant to the said school ;

(l) whether the staff of the said school has been strengthened in the academic year of 1104-1105 by the appointment of additional hands ;

(m) whether a new building is under construction for the purpose of this school.

(n) whether the Manager of the said school applied to the Government for a building grant ;

(o) if so, whether the Government granted it ;

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